

Labor Union Booklet Was Sent by GOP

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A pamphlet denouncing Democratic Presidential candidate George McGovern, ostensibly published by a labor organization, actually was paid for and mailed out by President Nixon's campaign committee.

An official of the Justice Department's Fraud Squad, who asked that his name not be used "for obvious political reasons," said the pamphlet may violate a section of the Federal Corrupt Practices Act.

Entitled "Why Labor Can't Support George McGovern," the document originally was sent to delegates to the Democratic Convention in mimeographed form and then printed as a pamphlet and mailed shortly after the convention to union members across the country.

The post office box number in Washington given on the pamphlet as the address of Labor for America is listed to Mrs. M. Ambrose of 1730 Pennsylvania Ave., an office of

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the Committee to Re-elect the President.

Mrs. Myles J. Ambrose, a worker for the Nixon campaign committee and wife of the assistant attorney general in charge of enforcing narcotics laws, acknowledged yesterday that she took out the post office box.

"Bernie (Bernard) DeLurie asked me to," she said. DeLurie heads the labor division of the Nixon re-election committee.

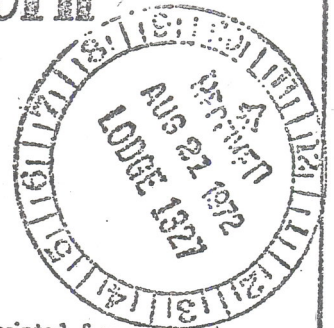
Under Title 18, Section 612 of the U.S. Code, which defines the Corrupt Practices Act, publications attacking or supporting a candidate must contain the name of the organizations and individuals responsible for it.

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"Whoever willfully publishes or distributes or causes to be published or distributed, or for the purpose of publishing or distributing the same, knowingly deposits for mailing or delivery or causes to be deposited for mailing or delivery, or, except in cases of employees of the Postal Service in the official discharge of their duties, knowingly transports or causes to be transported in interstate commerce any card, pamphlet, circular, poster, dodger, advertisement, writing, or other statement relating to or concerning any person who has publicly declared his intention to seek the office of President, or Vice President of the United States, or Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to Congress, in a primary, general, or special election, or convention of a political party, or has caused or permitted his intention to do so to be publicly declared, which does not contain the names of the persons, associations, committees or corporations responsible for the publication or distribution of the same, and the names of the officers of each association, committee or corporation, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

This is a "logical extension" of "sabotage" by the Republicans, said Kirby Jones, McGovern's press secretary. He added that it stems from the same type of political morality responsible for the bugging of Democratic headquarters at the Watergate.

Why Labor Can't Support George McGovern



This document is reprinted from a brochure originally distributed to the delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Miami, according to press reports, by the Labor Movement in an effort to reveal McGovern's anti-Labor background.

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Labor for America Committee - Teamsters Union building at 600 Washington Blvd. in Baltimore is registered as a political committee with the U.S. General Accounting Office and is located in the Baltimore area. Joseph Townsley, secretary-treasurer of the Maryland

Teamsters Council and president of the Baltimore Port Teamsters Council, said he is the national director of Labor for America.

Townsley told The Washington Post that the Committee For Re-election of the President paid for the mailing of the pamphlet and that DeLurie helped write it.

Townsley also said the Labor for America Committee intends to have the Post Office box in Washington changed to its own name. He added that while the President's campaign committee mailed the pamphlet to labor union members, Labor for America distributed some copies itself.

DeLurie acknowledged that he helped write the pamphlet and that the Nixon re-election committee paid for it and mailed it.

But he said he thought the pamphlets were stamped with the name of the Nixon re-election committee on it. "If they weren't stamped they should have been," he said. Pamphlet copies obtained by The Washington Post do not mention the Nixon campaign committee.

DeLurie also said that a recent revision of the pamphlet, entitled "Twelve Reasons Why Labor Can't Support George McGovern," has the Nixon committee name on it.

The pamphlet attacks McGovern's record on labor legislation, civil rights, amnesty for draft dodgers and foreign affairs.

The Communications Workers of America, a union that has endorsed McGovern, became so upset over what it considers "inaccurate and misleading" charges against McGovern in the pamphlet, that it published a response to it entitled "A Responsible Response to McGovern's Critics."

Lee White, public affairs director for the Communications Workers, said the union will ask the Justice Department to investigate the circumstances surrounding the pamphlet.

Sam Archibald, director of the Fair Campaign Practices Committee, said the law covering the distribution of political pamphlets has "been broadly interpreted by the Justice Department. Nobody can remember any convictions under the law."